

## Minutes of Southern Utah Veterans' Home – Ivins, Advisory Board Meeting 10-9-2013

Meeting called to order by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole on October 9, 2013 at 4:00pm.

The invocation and the pledge of allegiance were led by Advisory Board Chairman Bill Toole.

### **The following Board Members in Attendance**

Bill Toole, Chair  
Lloyd Laycook, Vice Chair  
David Chung  
Terry Dunne  
Carole Grady  
Chris Hart  
Donna Lister  
Bill Stay  
Steve Roberts

### **Board Members Excused**

Ron Lee

A quorum is present with 9 out of 10 Board Members.

Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans & Military Affairs (attendance via teleconference)

Jacqueline Peterson, State Director, Staff to the Advisory Board  
Avalon Administrator; Jerry Olson

### **Visitor**

Avalon Vice President; Faye Lincoln

Chairman Bill Toole welcomed all in attendance to the Southern Utah Veterans Home - Ivins board meeting.

Chairman Bill Toole asked for 30 seconds of silence in honor of passing Cheryl Chung (spouse of David Chung)

**Minutes** of August 14, 2013 were read by Terry Dunn and approved as read.

State Director Jacqueline Peterson reported that the Eagle Monument has been approved by Executive Director Gary Garter. Audit of the Eagle Monument account is \$23,881.00 and the approximate cost of this monument will be around \$80,000. The donation of bricks is an ongoing fund raiser. The wind sculptures are still ongoing and Lyman Whitaker will place a set of four in every community. Reported on the restricted funds; Resident Council \$1020.00, Wind Sculptures \$32,000, Eagle Monument/Bricks 23,881.00. Veterans Day Program will be on November 11, 2013 at 1:00pm.

Deputy Director Dennis McFall reported how the 2380 account and how it is structured. He explained that even though donations go into this account we still have to follow state purchasing policy when we purchase such items such as framed flags. He stated that any future spending must go through Jacqueline Peterson for approval. A questions was asked about working on getting donations for room sponsorship which could possibly bring in over \$200,000 in

donations. Dennis stated that if we did receive these type of donations that our department may choose to offset future collections against the amount paid in excess of contributions received which is around \$100,000.

Avalon Administrator Jerry Olson reported on the upcoming VA Recognition Survey is scheduled for October 22-25, 2013. He had conducted a pre-inspection of all 158 regulations and was pleased with the results. His staff is working hard and he has the utmost confidence in passing the VA Recognition Survey the first time. He reported census of 23 residents with one resident going to the hospital, returning to facility and later passing away. After the VA Recognition Survey we will start admitting residents in memory care and community 600. As far as marketing for the nursing home in November we will be inviting all counties social workers for lunch to explain about our facility. Jerry also stated that he would be working with David Chung to start marketing Garfield, Kane and other counties also to include the Native American Community.

Avalon Vice President Faye Lincoln reported on after VA Recognition Survey the possible delay of federal per diem which could take up to six months for payment.

### **Old Business**

Discussion was made about the Advisory Board's orders and oath of office. Dennis stated that this issue would not be clarified (most likely) until after the next legislative session.

Terry Dunne inquired about the \$60.00 per diem and travel to/from the board. Jacqueline stated the travel form was emailed to everyone on the board and she would look into per diem payment.

### **New Business**

Dennis McFall stated that the facility would be installing a booster to the commercial washers to raise the temperature to 160 degrees. This was to avoid the spread of infectious diseases.

Lloyd Laycook suggested we have business cards for all board members.

Lloyd Laycook proposed acquiring and selling a parcel of land that will be donated near Kanab. The property's name is "Deer Springs Ranch". Dennis stated he would check with state realtors.

Fallen Hero Memorial Park is currently on a hold status.

Jacqueline handed out the new flyer that Avalon had developed for short-term rehabilitation. Lloyd asked if Avalon would be posting this information in the newspaper.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2013  
December 11, 2013  
January 9, 2013

The meeting was adjourned without ceremony by Chairman Bill Toole at 5:43pm

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